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Canada's health service is in trouble over treatment charges

UK trade is back in the red

Britain's overseas trade plunged £313m into the red in the second quarter of this year after a £779m surplus previously, making achievement of the Government's £1.5bn forecast surplus for 1983 look remote

Aid for Reagan

President Reagan, who has shown increasing signs of deafness in recent months, was seen for the first time yesterday wearing a hearing aid. It was fitted while he was on holiday in Santa Barbara last month.

Deaths warning

Nursing managers say patients will die and the health service will disintegrate rapidly if the Government persists with its cash and staffing cuts



Aquino inquiry

A commission of inquiry began hearing evidence yesterday into the death of Mr Benigno Aquino, the opposition leader shot dead at Manila airport moments after his return from exile

Holiday war

The price war over next summer's package holidays has broken out in earnest with the announcement of price cuts from Horizon, in reply to Thomson Holidays

New guidelines

The Takeover Panel has announced tough new guidelines to control telephone canvassing for shareholders' support during takeover bids

British duel

Steve Cram, the world 1,500 metres champion, and Steve Ovett, the world 1,500 metres record holder, are in the same mile

Durie through

Joanna Durie has reached the semi-finals of the women's singles in the US Open tennis championships

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Moderates loosen links between TUC and Labour

From Paul Routledge, Labour Editor, Blackpool

White-collar moderates seeking a loosening of links between the TUC and the Labour Party won a mandate for change from the Trades Union Congress yesterday... Delegates to the congress in Blackpool voted by three to two to support a move by civil servants, health workers and managers that could mark a watershed in the history of the labour movement.

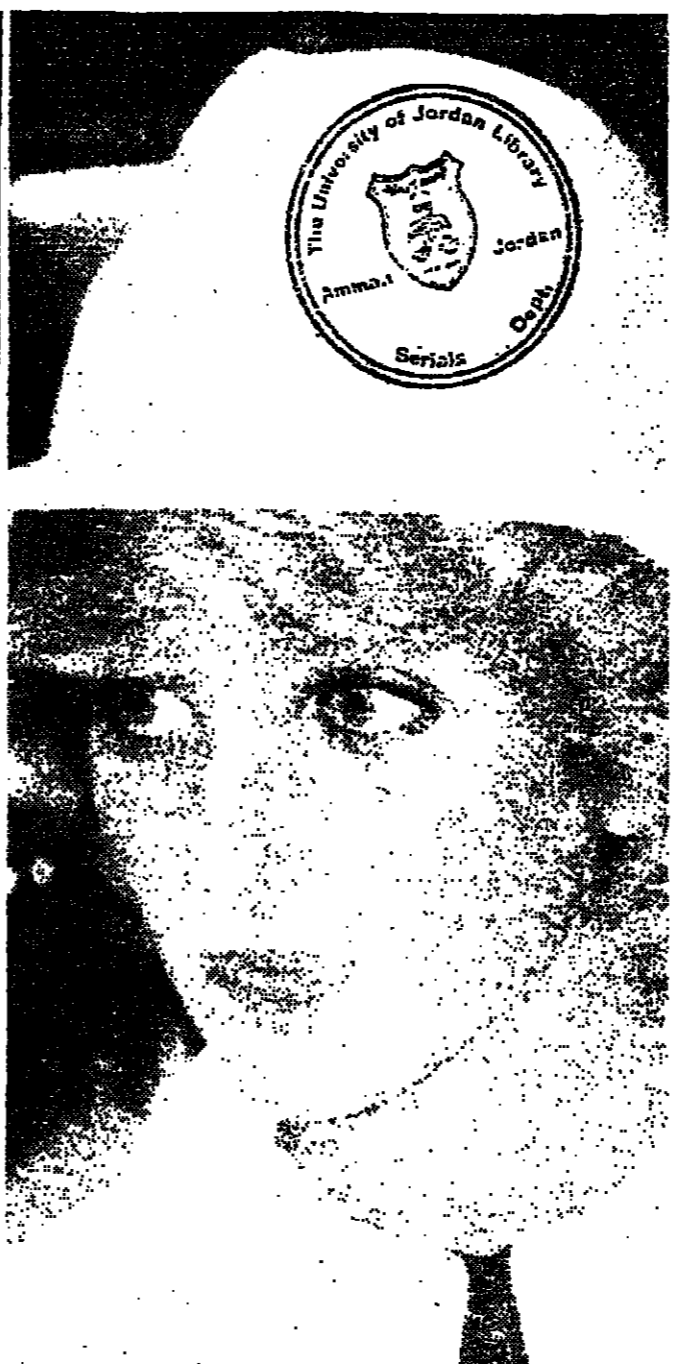
which brings together ministers, union leaders, and employers... 'We have to argue our case where it counts - with the Government. It exposes ministers to reality', Mr Murray said... A motion from the National Graphical Association to study the value of participation in NEDDY, with a view to possible withdrawal, was heavily defeated and the successful moderate motion requires the incoming general council to maximize the influence of the TUC by increasing contacts with the Government.

Furious union reaction over Scargill attack on Solidarity

From David Felton, Labour Correspondent

Mr Arthur Scargill, the left-wing miners' leader, was last night facing a barrage of criticism from trade unions over a letter in a Trotskyite newspaper in which he bluntly stated his opposition to the Solidarity Union movement in Poland... His letter, reprinted in yesterday's issue of 'News Line', the organ of the Workers' Revolutionary Party, provoked a rash of outspoken renunciation from moderate union leaders and there will be an attempt at the TUC congress in Blackpool today to censure Mr Scargill.

such I don't think he is any longer credible as a trade unionist... Mr Frank Chapple, the right-wing electrician's union leader and the congress president described Mr Scargill's remarks as the 'ravings of an idiot'... The letter, addressed to Mr Michael Banda, General Secretary of the Workers' Revolutionary Party states: 'Dear Mr Banda, I am in receipt of your letter dated 17th July and had already read the small open letter carried in the News Line... I am apposed to Solidarity because I believe it is an anti-Socialist organization who desire the overthrow of a Socialist state.'



The Princess of Wales during her visit yesterday to the James Keiller sweet factory in Dundee.

BP to raise £250m in North Sea sale

By Jonathan Davis

British Petroleum, Britain's largest oil company, sprung a major surprise last night by saying that it was putting up for sale a part of the most profitable oilfield in the North Sea... The sale, which comes just before a further government sale of shares in the company, is expected to raise at least £250m for BP.

IRA panic as new supergrass talks

Dozens of IRA men were going into hiding last night as Ulster's latest and most important 'supergrass' gave names to the police.

The IRA's second in command in Belfast, could lead the security forces to the top of the Provisionals leadership, and give information on crimes going back to the 1970s... Eighteen people have already been arrested. Many leading Provisionals were racing for the Republic's border.

British pilots lead world ban on Russia

By Michael Bailly, Transport Editor

Britain's airline pilots led a worldwide chorus of protest yesterday by banning flights to Russia for 60 days in line with Tuesday's recommendation of the International Federation of Airline Pilots' Association... Similar action was reported from the United States, Canada, France, Australia, Sweden, Denmark and Norway.

Gromyko insists jet was spying

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, yesterday brazened out the shooting down of the Korean jumbo jet... He told the European Security review conference that the Soviet Union's frontiers were sacred and that anyone violating them must accept full responsibility for doing so.

France threatens to hit back

From Robert Fisk, Beirut

The United States and France combined diplomatic threats with gunboat diplomacy yesterday in an effort to smother the civil war in the mountains around Beirut... In Damascus, Mr Robert McFarlane, President Reagan's special Middle East envoy, was warning President Assad that Syria should avoid any involvement in the civil war.

Yesterday, Lebanese Government officials decided to shift the focus of this story, claiming that Palestinians rather than Syrian tanks were responsible for the bombardment from Aley... They produced two high altitude photographs of the Aley region which showed three small rectangular objects near the town. These were identified by officials at the Lebanese presidential palace as tanks, although this was not clear from the pictures.

Firebomb letter ignites in Tebbit's department

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

A crude letter bomb addressed to Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Employment, ignited yesterday as a clerk opened it at the minister's department... No responsibility was claimed for either device but a stencilled sheet inside the London bomb bore the initials SNLA, the Scottish National Liberation Army, who have been linked to other letter bombs in the past year.

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Hume tells priests to get involved in politics

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

Cardinal Basil Hume, Archbishop of Westminster, yesterday urged the Roman Catholic Church in England and Wales to involve itself more deeply in British politics... 'The church must now accept its proper responsibility to the whole community of the nation.'

Cardinal Hume: 'Our age stands condemned'. Having invented so horrendous a weapon and having spent so much on it, I would urge you not to let go of the issues involved. They are central to our survival. We ought not to allow politicians of any country to ignore our most serious concern.

discipline concerning the celibacy of the priesthood... He called on priests to put new emphasis on strengthening family life, particularly by seeking out families in need of health and support.

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Holidays war declared with Horizon riposte to Thomson price cuts

By John Withers

The price war for the custom of next summer's package holiday-makers opened yesterday in earnest. Horizon Travel announced that it was cutting prices by an average of 6 per cent and offering extra that would match Thomson Holidays, Britain's biggest foreign tour operator.

The Horizon decision means that four operators with almost 30 per cent of the market are now offering cheaper holidays next year than during the past summer. Industry sources said that other companies will have little choice but to follow, possibly forcing some operators out of business.

In its brochure, published before some travel companies have even produced winter holiday programmes, Horizon offers first-class rail travel to airports and free holidays for children in some apartments. Like Thomson, which announced its plans last week and put the holidays on sale yesterday, Horizon has also incorporated airport taxes, usually £10 a holiday, into the overall price.

Plea to farmers on straw burning

From John Young, Agriculture Correspondent, Stoneleigh

It was time for farmers to reconsider straw burning in terms of social acceptability and just technical efficiency, Mr George Jackson, agricultural director of the Royal Agricultural Society of England, said yesterday.

Mr Jackson, who is responsible for farming more than 700 acres owned by the society, was speaking at the second biennial autumn cultivations symposium at the National Agricultural Centre in Stoneleigh, Warwickshire.

He described how his home village of Bidford-on-Avon had been "up in arms" last Sunday when it awoke to find houses and shops littered with ash. "I think that as farmers we have to come to terms with the fact that the other 97 per cent of the population not only has a voice but a vote", he said.

No cure for baldness, survey says

By David Nicholson-Lard Locations, potions, toupees and transplants are better avoided by bald men, *Which?* magazine says today. All alleged aids are costly, time-consuming and less than satisfactory, it says, adding: "No one can give you back your hair."

Murder-hunt police clear sketch man

From Arthur O'Shea, Birmingham

Detectives hunting the killer of Caroline Hogg, the five-year-old Edingburgh girl who disappeared on July 8 and whose body was found 10 days later in Leicestershire, have interviewed one of two men whose sketch pictures were published a month ago.

The artist's impression was of a rough-looking man without glasses, seen sitting on a wall near the amusement fair at Portobello, Edinburgh, from which the girl disappeared. He lives locally and the police said yesterday that they had now eliminated him from their inquiries.

M'lady Megan settles in at the mansion



and keeps her job as a gardener

Lady Megan Edgcombe has kept her feet firmly on the ground since she took up residence at the estate her father, the eighth Earl of Mount Edgcombe, recently inherited.



Lady Megan Edgcombe, who is equally at home in sophisticated dresses in the evening (top), or jeans and T-shirt for work (below).

Not for her the leisured lifestyle of a young aristocrat: instead she has signed on for a four-year apprenticeship as a £60-a-week gardener with Plymouth City Council.

In the evenings dinner is served from silver salvers by the cook or Mr Young, the butler. "I cannot get used to it. When I first came I asked the staff to call me Megan, but they said would not be right."

"We knew we would inherit the estate one day, but it is talking a lot of getting used to by all our family," she said.

"I am having to remember that locally the name of Edgcombe is very important. When I go out a night, cook sometimes comes too to make sure other people keep what she thinks ought to be a respectful distance - it makes making friends a bit difficult, but I would not swap my new life for anything," she said.

Superted drives out US cartoons

Young viewers will get more comedy and light entertainment programmes and fewer "stale and repetitive" American cartoons on BBC television this autumn.

The head of children's programmes, Mr Edward Barnes, said yesterday they were concentrating on laughs.

"We shall be covering everything from the slapstick of *Renegades* to anarchic humour of *So You Want to be Top?*"

He was particularly pleased to be screening new British-made animation *Bananaman* and *Superted* head our new season of superheros in the slot between *Play School* and *Jackanory* which has previously been occupied almost exclusively by American material.

The autumn will also see changes in *Play School*. It will have its first transmission on BBC 1 at 3.55pm, appealing to children returning home from infant school as well as those of pre-school age.

Mr Barnes said *Blue Peter* would be celebrating another anniversary. Two new situation comedies will be *Seaview*, which takes a humorous look at the domestic struggles of the Shelton family who run a guest house in Blackpool, and *Woofers*, the nickname of Mildred Walters, the dog warden of Kidbury District Council, who has extraordinary powers with dogs.

Man who killed street attacker freed by court

A man who stabbed to death an attacker who attempted to rob him walked free from Birmingham Magistrates Court yesterday after a murder charge against him was dropped.

Mr Barrington Aladice, aged 23, was discharged after the Director of Public Prosecutions ruled that he might have a defence of excusable homicide or self-defence.

He had been charged with the murder of Mr Dennis Boomer, aged 34, of Clifford Walk, Newtown, who died after being stabbed in the stomach.

The next day Mr Aladice surrendered to the police and was remanded in custody for more than two months before being granted bail.

Peer divorced

The 30-year marriage of Lord Avebury, aged 54, the Liberal peer and wife Kina, aged 49, was ended in London yesterday, on the ground that the couple had lived apart for more than two years.

As Eric Lubbock, he won the Orpington by-election for the Liberals in 1962.

Open verdict on disco dancer

A woman, aged 18, died after she touched or tripped over a faulty light at an open-air discotheque, an inquest was told yesterday. Louise McCracken collapsed after dancing bare-foot at a Conservative Party barbecue in Goring, Oxfordshire, in June.

BBC microcomputer aims for share of US market

By Bill Johnstone, Electronics Correspondent

The BBC Microcomputer, which has dominated the school computer market in Britain in the past year, is to be launched in the United States this week in competition with some of the giants of the home computer market.

There are about 95,000 elementary and secondary schools, 40 million school children and 2.5 million teachers in the United States. There are only about 29,000 microcomputers in US schools, but that number is expected to grow to two million by 1988.

Fans banned

Portsmouth Football Club has banned 11 of its supporters, who appeared in courts this week after disturbances at the club's first match of the season, from entering Fratton Park Stadium for life in an attempt to stamp out hooliganism.

Mother is given legal aid for pill challenge

Mrs Victoria Gillick has been granted legal aid for an appeal against a High Court decision in July that it is not illegal for doctors to prescribe the contraceptive pill to girls under the age of 16 without parental consent.

Man jailed for Chapman killing has sentence cut

President Karamanlis of Greece has rejected a petition for pardon by Nikos Moutis, who is serving a life sentence for the murder of Miss Ann Chapman, a freelance journalist from London, in 1971. But he has commuted the jail term to 20 years, enabling Moutis to qualify for release on parole almost at once.

Plane missing

A light aircraft carrying four people from Birmingham to Kilkenny in the Irish Republic disappeared after crossing the Irish coast yesterday morning, and was feared to have crashed.

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Body blow

Offers of corpses for medical science are being rejected by the University of Birmingham at the moment because of a shortage space and reduced demand.

Museum raid

A collection of snuff and needle boxes valued at £30,000 has been stolen from the Christchurch Mansion Museum, Ipswich.

Remorse may have led to prison cell hanging

A man questioned by detectives investigating the "wrong man" murder of Charles Simpson, who was shot outside his home last year, was found hanged in his prison cell. An inquest was told yesterday that David McKay, aged 37, may have been filled with remorse over the serious charges he faced.

The inquest at Southwark, south-east London, was told that McKay of Wild Street, Holborn, central London, was arrested in May with another man for the alleged abduction and rape of a woman.

Dr Foster interrupted: "It must raise a lot of questions in the jury's mind. You were reading a book while your cell mate was hanging himself."

Dr Foster said there was insufficient evidence that McKay hanged himself alone. He directed the jury to return an open verdict.

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Opera UK. Reports from the Edinburgh Festival by Hilary Finch, the Coliseum by Nicholas Kenyon and Geoffrey Norris in Cardiff



Serenade in the Twin Oaks Tavern. David Parsons, Michael Myers and Karen Hunt

Theatre. Speculative genius

Nastasia Filipovna Riverside Studios

One moving element about the chapter is its arrival on a plane beyond violence... Andrzej Wajda's production of The Possessed...

Nastasia Filipovna takes place in and around the penultimate chapter of Dostoevsky's The Idiot... In Wajda's version, as you steal into the room with the debris of a supper...

The Shelter Lyric Studio

Ceryl Phillips's new play comprises two one-acters showing a white man and a black man in, respectively, an English and a tropical island...

The Beautiful part of Myself Palace, Watford

Originally scheduled for the Hampstead Theatre and its surrounding area with all Jewish population, Tom Kempinski's play might have had an explosive effect there...

Concert London Sinfonietta Zagrosek Albert Hall/Radio 3

London's most indispensable orchestra, the London Sinfonietta, never fail to come up with thought-provoking programmes... In Tuesday's Prom, in which they were conducted by Lotzar Zagrosek...

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Not quite hitting the mark

The Postman Always Rings Twice Kings Theatre, Edinburgh

The Opera Theatre of St Louis has arrived in Edinburgh, disrupting the thick air of turn-of-the-century Vienna with a bracing shock...

Television Travelling down grimy Memory Lane

Eight episodes can be misleading. The best foot is predictably forward and subsequent steps fleetingly later...

Eighteen years of writing fiction have earned Rachel Ingalls less than £10,000. But she is one of the authors chosen by Dent to launch their Everyman Fiction paperback series today. Interview by Caroline Moorehead



Rachel Ingalls: "It took me a long time to realize that I could write for the people living next door"

What Y.M. Dent have chosen Rachel Ingalls in paperback may turn out to be the single lucky break in a writer's life when they finally acquire a real audience... My father told us tales and legends. At nine I went with my mother to California where I found myself the eldest of a small gang...

Toussaint Coliseum

"Rather a grisly story, dear", said a voice in the first interval. Grisly, depressing, but important too: Anthony Wood's retelling of the saga of bloodshed, prejudice, rivalry and corruption as Haiti snatched its independence at the end of the eighteenth century...

The focus now is firmly on Toussaint himself and on his people: a difficult balance to keep, between the individual dilemmas of the leader and the power of the crowd... The only figure who attracts our sympathy is Toussaint's wife Suzanne, which is odd because she is helpless on the sidelines of the main struggle...

Peter Grimes New Theatre, Cardiff

As the inhabitants of the borough resume the bustle of their daily lives in the final scene of Britten's opera, Ellen Orford sits alone and dejected, a woman devastated by the knowledge that she has failed... Josephine Barstow's Ellen Orford is a masterpiece of warmth and vulnerability of compassion and tenderness...

Banzai, Bowie! ALEXANDER WALKER STANFORD A TOUR DE FORCE WHICH HAUNTS THE MEMORY LONG AFTER VIEWING Merry Christmas Mr Lawrence 15 DAVID BOWIE TOM CONTI RYUICHI SAKAMOTO NOW IN THE WEST END AND ALL OVER THE COUNTRY

COUNTRY LIFE ON SALE NOW Roses in the Autumn Humphrey Brooke describes some old-fashioned rose varieties that provide autumn colour in his Suffolk garden. The Legacy of Richard Arkwright Clive Aslet looks at a recently opened exhibition devoted to the work of this late 18th century industrialist and the preservation of buildings associated with him. In the Steps of Richard III Five hundred years after the accession of Richard III, Lesley Nickell writes about the castles and other buildings used by the last Plantagenet king. Wildlife in the Wet The problems faced by wildlife after drainage of their wetland habitats are examined by David Tomlinson.

SPECTRUM

After the honeymoon

The Times Profile: The SDP

The SDP has abandoned the rolling conferences of the past two years which took in three different venues in a single week and apparently strained the railway system to its limit. The get-together which begins on Sunday will be in the static and modest surroundings of the University of Salford. The Social Democrats have come down to earth and are in a leaner and more sober state than when they rushed around the country in 1981 and 1982. Just how much leaner it is hard to say. The present membership is put at 60,000 - 5,000 down on the peak achieved in the middle of last year. But SDP officials privately admit that the figure may exaggerate the party's real size. The general election interrupted the process of chasing up those who had not renewed their subscriptions in the first quarter of this year, and their names are still on the computerized list of members, although several have left the party. It will not be until the autumn that the total number of these "defaulters" is known. Richard Newby, the SDP's acting administrator, says that in 1982 the renewal rate of members was around 75 per cent. He hopes it may be up to 80 per cent this year, but even that would leave the party with 12,000 fewer members than in 1983. New members are coming in at the rate of about 100 a week - only half the number needed to keep the overall membership from falling. For a party almost entirely dependent on subscriptions for its income, this has serious consequences. The finance committee already believes considerably less money will be coming in during the next 12 months than there was in the first two years of the SDP's existence. The accounts for the year ending March 31, which may not be ready for presentation at next week's conference, will show income and expenditure balancing at around £850,000, much the same figure as for 1982. For the next 12 months, however, the SDP is budgeting on having only £650,000 to spend. Falling membership is only one reason for this expected decline in revenue: far fewer donations are expected from well-wishers. During the early period revenue came in on a staggering scale. There was even a cheque for £1,000 from a committed Tory who said he would never vote for the SDP but liked what they stood for. A special appeal for the general election fund raised £1m, from nearly 15,000 members. It is generally accepted that generosity on this scale will not continue now that the initial euphoria has gone and no immediate election is in prospect. Nor are significant donations expected from business or industry, although fund raising efforts around the boardrooms will continue under the direction of David Sainsbury. "The fact is," said William Rodgers, chairman of the finance committee, "that boardrooms are very happy with a conservative government and are very happy that the Labour Party is in its present state, so there is no real reason for them to support us." Mr Rodgers said he will be taking a "cautious and sober" message to Salford next week. "We have got to live within our means and that involves financing ourselves out of membership income on the basis of about £10 per member. Next week's conference will be asked to agree to the raising of the recommended membership fees, paid by existing members, from £12.50 to £13.50 and of the minimum fee payable by new members on joining, from £4 to £5." Mr Rodgers sounds positively Thatcherese in his attachment to the principle of good housekeeping. "We are going to have to pull in our horns and be extremely prudent but I think we ought to be able to run a modest operation," he said. An early indication of this new mood of retrenchment was the savage pruning of staff that took place this summer. The number of those on the full-time payroll has been reduced from 53 to 28 in a move which shocked staff by its speed and extent and provoked some complaints from their union, Apex. Heading the list of those who have gone by mutual consent is Bernard Doyle, the former company director who was chosen from more than 320 applicants in June 1981 to be party's first chief executive. He had indicated for some time that he wanted to go after the election. His two-year rule over the administration of the fledgling party came in for some criticism from staff who felt he lacked political sense and was inclined to be autocratic. But his critics concede that he had a difficult job in having to deal with all four of the party's joint leaders. Another key figure who will shortly be leaving at his own request is Roger Carroll, former political editor of The Sun who was brought in to be the party's director of communications. He and Mr Doyle each commanded a salary of about £25,000, and neither is likely to be replaced by a person of equivalent seniority. The new "national secretary" seems likely to be Richard Newby, a 30-year-old Oxford graduate who joined the SDP in 1981 as national secretary. The other key organizational post that of national organizer, or chief agent - is likely to remain with Alec McGivan, another 30-year-old Oxford graduate who has been involved with the SDP since its formation. Others who have already left include Christopher Smallwood, a former Treasury high-flyer who was the party's first policy coordinator; Liz Astill, the conference organizer, and Paul Rossi, the local government officer. The SDP has lost through retirement its Scottish agent, Bunty Urquhart, a redoubtable campaigner who was for many years assistant-secretary of the Scottish Labour Party. Two experienced organizers, Trevor Lindley, a former agent of Roy Mason in Barnsley, and Richard Gorton, a former Labour councillor in Birmingham, have been sacked. There is considerable unease among both staff and local party members about the axing of the SDP's three regional offices in Manchester, Birmingham and Bristol, which cost about £20,000 a year each to run. This closure is likely to be the subject of strong criticism at next week's conference by party members who see it as a misguided act for a party committed to decentralization. Financial pressure is also likely to have a dampening effect on the SDP's much vaunted attachment to internal democracy and to detailed and decentralized policy-making. The three postal ballots of members which were held last year to elect the leaders, the president and national committee, and ratify the constitution, lost more than £70,000. The number of detailed policy papers issued from the party's Cowley Street headquarters is also likely to diminish considerably. The policy department, which under Christopher Smallwood had a staff of five, has been reduced to one officer and a secretary. Under Smallwood, an elaborate Civil Service-style policy-making process was devised which involved working parties producing bulky green papers for circulation to local parties for comment before being turned into white papers, that were then considered by the Council for Social Democracy before being adopted as party policy. This process is now likely to come to an end, with the emphasis changing to briefing MPs and peers, issuing short statements in response to government initiatives, and publishing a series of pamphlets on philosophical issues, written by individual contributors. The membership will almost certainly welcome a respite from the floods of policy documents with which they have been deluged. Thirteen green papers were published in the past 18 months. There is a general feeling that the party can now relax a little, with the election over, and start enjoying itself. 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Peter Brooke after Hogarth's "Soon after the wedding"

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Who are the SDP members? The answer is that no one really knows, least of all the SDP itself, which is hoping to install a computer soon which will give it a detailed profile of membership. What the party will say is that, while it has members spread across the country, there is a disproportionate concentration in the southeast (the largest area parties are in Enfield, Camden, Kensington and Chelsea, Oxford and Cambridge), and that they are "a pretty affluent group, mostly in middle to senior positions in their profession and very well-qualified". The details will be clearer by the end of the year. The most detailed survey of SDP members is that made by Opinion Research Ltd for London Weekend Television's *Weekend World* programme in November 1981 in which nearly 10,000 questionnaires were sent to 22 area parties across the country. The replies still give the best indication of the profile of the party although obviously the picture may have changed in the last 18 months.

Age range: 18-24 (8%), 25-34 (25%), 35-44 (24%), 45-54 (18%), 55-64 (16%), 65 and over (9%). Sex: male (67%), female (33%). What they do: Professional/managerial (57%), Clerical/office/sales (5%), Foreman/skilled manual worker (5%), Unskilled manual worker (2%). Where they live: Rural areas (52%), Residential suburbs (34%), Inner city (14%). Previous membership of other political parties: Labour (15%), Conservative (7%), Liberal (5%), None (67%).

The key men leaving Cowley Street... Bernard Doyle, 42, chief executive, formerly with Booker McConnell. Roger Carroll, 40, director of communications and editor of Social Democrat. Christopher Smallwood, 38, policy coordinator. ... and the two remaining: Richard Newby, 30, acting administrator. Alex McGivan, 30, National Organizer.

Moreover... Miles Kington

These dancing years

Points from the Mailbag: From J. G. Boston-Crabbe: Sir, I much enjoyed your piece on aerobic dancing yesterday. In the years 1946-53 I worked for the Foreign Office as the British Consul in Aerobia, and your references brought back many happy memories. From Arthur Felmet: Sir, I echo your reservations about the spread of aerobic dancing. From Wilson Parkway: Sir, You claim that your new method of dancing does for the mind what Lionel Blair does for the body. From Sally Popping-Crease: Sir, It is an absolute scandal that there are still places like Lord's Pavilion and West End Clubs where women may not enter. From J.H. Unlighthly: Sir, We are taught that true ease of movement comes from wearing loose-fitting clothing. From Ms Penny Lane: Sir, I recently joined an aerobic dancing class. From Jeff Rowther: Sir, It is inevitable that aerobics will attract its share of sharks and get-rich-quick merchants.

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Pakistan's prisoners of purdah

A new law of evidence in Pakistan, approved by the Council on Islamic Ideology, in effect equates the value of the testimony of one man with that of two women. The women of Pakistan - that is to say, the bright, urban, educated, articulate upper-middle-class women - see it as a symbol of their coming oppression. The tyranny of the burqa: "modest dress" for women. In Karachi and Lahore, powerful groups of women have come together as the Women's Action Forum and have occasionally taken to the streets and been lathi-charged for their pains. Michael Hamiyu

CONCISE CROSSWORD (No 144) ACROSS: 1 Velocity indicator (6), 5 Arouse (6), 8 Kiss of peace (3), 9 Large meal (5), 10 Purple dye (6), 11 Lower jaw (4), 12 Debris (8), 13 Tearing flag (6), 15 Meat (6), 17 Thonged sandal (4), 20 Land forces (4), 22 Lid remover (6), 23 Bar (6), 24 Computer screen (1,1,1), 25 Japanese dancer (6), 26 Certainty (6). DOWN: 2 Camera picture (5), 3 Military formation (7), 4 Eton town boarder (7), 5 Cruise (5), 6 Desert plants (5), 7 Roman magistrate (7), 14 Oversight (7), 15 Plentiful (7), 16 Field vehicle (7), 18 Young hoodlums (7), 19 Club (5), 21 Intended (5).

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BOOKS

Fiction and poetry: novels by Salman Rushdie, Melvyn Bragg, A. N. Wilson, thrillers, historicals, and new verse

Pitch-black comedy of public life

Shame By Salman Rushdie (Cape, £7.95)

Salman Rushdie's ferociously funny third novel is about history, politics, scandal, memory and the needs of popular myth.

partition of India in 1947 to beyond (the sadistically projected) fall of the present regime in Pakistan.

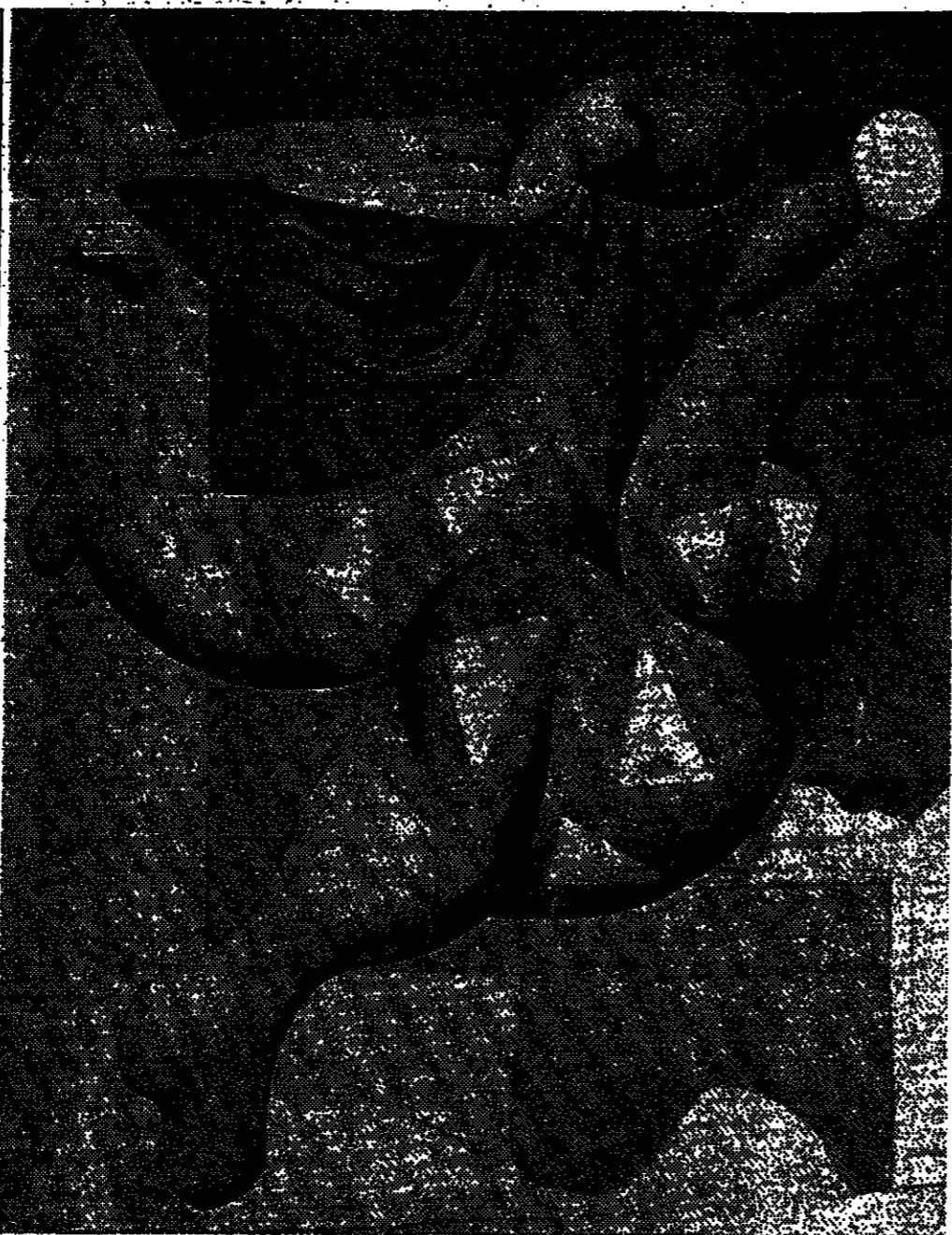
Shame is every bit as good as Midnight's Children - to whose epic comedy of modern Indian history it is the necessary and intended companion.

Often bloodthirsty and sometimes slapstick, much of the comedy is also deliciously delicate: a village of white concubines, for instance, giggling their frilly way through a badminton tournament.

Merely a slight change of feature, after all, and Bilquis is the daughter of a cinema manager whose misplaced religious intolerance had led him to believe that he could show double-bills appealing to both Muslim and Hindu and had cost him his life in a spectacular explosion witnessed by Bilquis near the start of the book.

Good News is the second daughter of Raza and Bilquis, so named for her apparent normality after their first child, Safiya.

Michael Ratcliffe



Bather Playing Ball, by Picasso, from Surrealists and Surrealism by Gaetan Picon (Macmillan, £18)

Thrillers The hunters and hunted

Fire Falcon By Duff Hart-Davis (Cape, £7.95)

Scimitar By Peter Niesewand (Granada, £7.95)

Floodgate By Alistair MacLean (Collins, £7.50)

Five Falcon is Richard Hammy territory only in that most of the action takes place in the wilds of Scotland.

deer-stalking in Scotland). His portrayal of the young man, betrayed by his only friend, without the drugs he needs, the police inexorably closing in, balancing obsession and fear, panic and arrogance, is gripping and often moving.

Peter Niesewand died last February at the appalling young age of 38. His novel Scimitar showed him to be a thriller writer of considerable imagination and writing ability, though a little lacking in discipline.

The trouble with Floodgate is that its initially promising plot degenerates quickly into absurdity, unacceptable even within a genre that does not always demand realism.

Marcel Berlins

Life as nightmare or farce

The Loser By George Konrad (Allen Lane, £8.95)

Love and Glory By Melvyn Bragg (Secker & Warburg, £7.95)

Scandal By A. N. Wilson (Hamish Hamilton, £8.95)

In the garden of a Hungarian asylum for the insane a man is possessed by a nightmare reverie - part distorted reflection, part fantasy.

The girl is let down by the monstrously selfish Ian, whose wife takes a sad hand in the resolution, which is clever and perhaps, for some readers, a shade sentimental.

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analysis of the motives of the fighters of 1956 is candid and surprising to Western eyes.

Melvyn Bragg's Love and Glory is about a television producer whose powers seem to be ebbing at a time when the tide in the fortunes of his oldest friend is being taken at the flood.

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ary in completing the portrait of Willie, are mildly inflated.

Willie is a confessed romantic; so is Hughie in A. N. Wilson's Scandal. But Melvyn Bragg's characters reveal themselves from within, while Mr Wilson's are observed with fastidious humour and elegant irony from the outside.

For the most part, Scandal is a sinister farce in which Mr Wilson stage-manages the opening and shutting of doors and trappings of other garments with ease.

Stuart Evans

Historicals

History without tears

If Arthur's Britain is a well charted country, India is beginning to have a literary map. Thomas Hoover's The Moghul (Michael Joseph, £8.95) is a first novel, and it has a Jacobean hero in Captain Brian Hawkesworth.

Emma Drummond's Beyond All Frontiers (Gollancz, £8.95) begins with a young girl travelling in 1838 to an unknown India from a sheltered English country upbringing.

Our own history has its share of wars, horrors and cruelties, and there is nothing like a civil war for inflicting wounds that take generations to heal.

The Moon in the Water, a first novel by Pamela Belle (Penguin, £7.95), begins before the Civil War when Thomazine is left alone in the world by the sudden death of her family.

himself in the history of the time, and knows the background intimately, but here the trouble begins. This is either a novel with great chunks of history, or a history with dialogue.

Philippa Toomey

Advertisement for a condensed version of the Bible. Text: "I believe that this condensed version of the Bible may enable thousands of readers to hear the Word of God gladly..."

Poetry: ivory, stone, gold

This haystack is my ivory tower... Reading through the delightful Stevie Smith's A Selection, edited by Hermione Lee (Faber, £3.50 paperback), I kept remembering that sentence from the poet's early novel on Yellow Paper (1963).

verse, always concentrated in his native island of Orkney, celebrating its sights and sounds, its legends, its history and mystery.

On the wall. O quick, come in, Be as solid as you can.

Robert Nye

Advertisement for 'Trading with the Enemy' by Charles Higham. Text: "A startling and well-researched exposé of Allied trade with the Nazis from 1933-49..."

Advertisement for 'Philippa Wiat' by Jane Gillespie. Text: "A marvelous story of the conflict between love and duty in Elizabethan England..."

Advertisement for Phillips Art Auctioneers & Valuers. Text: "The Art Auctioneers & Valuers Since 1790. Fetched £6,500 at Phillips. Sales of Books are held regularly throughout the year..."



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FRIENDSHIP WITH SPAIN

There were a lot of foreign ministers in Madrid yesterday but perhaps none whom the Spanish Government was so anxious to talk to as Sir Geoffrey Howe... King Juan Carlos, there can be little doubt, shares that view.

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were only partially lifted last December and Spanish enthusiasm for the Lisbon agreement has waned... King Juan Carlos, there can be little doubt, shares that view.

ON THE HOME BEAT

Crime disfigures society. It is a problem for society as a whole, not just its victims and those paid by the taxpayer to deal with it... The idea is for an alert neighbourhood to 'steer' crimes of opportunity.

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FAIRNESS BEHIND BARS

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Flooding danger in new mine

From the President of the Institution of Geologists... Sir, Your issue of August 24 (Spectrum) poses the question as to whether the irush of water into the Wistow Mine in the Selby coalfield could have been predicted.

Responsibility for aircraft destruction

From Mr William Brogan... Sir, There has been a world-wide outcry about the Korean Air Lines Boeing shot down near Sekhalin island, but I have not heard anywhere the slightest criticism of the airline itself.

Lost for words on 'the heritage'

From Mr J.P. Carswell... Sir, I am rather in agreement with Miss Laski in her attack (September 2) on the word 'heritage' as pompous and twee.

In Winston's steps?

From Mr T. Mervyn Jones... Sir, Our Prime Minister has claimed that her Government is following the policies of Sir Winston Churchill.

Newspaper excesses

From Mr Colin Brannigan... Sir, The debate is raging again over the excesses of some of our newspapers.

Refugees' contribution

From Lady Monson... Sir, The admirable eulogy on Sir Nikolaus Pevsner and his fellow refugees of the 1930s has unfortunately led Mr Bernard Denvir (August 25) to play down the Huguenot contribution to 'British life and culture'.

Body and mind

From Professor A.H. Crisp... Sir, The recent articles by Ruth West and Brian Inglis and your related leading article (August 10) have led to a wealth of correspondence.

Out of court

From HM Ambassador to Poland... Sir, Philip Howard's most entertaining article on tennis (August 26) speculated that 'visitors from Mars would consider it an odd ceremony for a grown man to take seriously'.

Intimations of mortality

From Mr Trevor Leggett... Sir, I have just paid £40 for the third part of volume two of a new Sanskrit dictionary, which takes us up to the middle of the letter A.

Two for tea in '93

From Lady Stanley of Alderley... Sir, How enlightening it is to read the views of the political editor of The Economist on the countryside after his 'first trip for a decade' (feature, September 1).

Purp's antiquities

From Mr Phillip Joseph... Sir, You do a great service in publishing Edward Schumacher's alarming article (August 30) on the disintegration through decay and theft of Peru's unique collection of antiquities.

Purp's antiquities

and unique items, and, in the main, to keep them where they are... The financial plundering of unique works of art is only slightly less unpopulous than brigandage.

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Governments to join banks in bailing out world's biggest debtor

US leads West in compiling \$11bn rescue package for Brazil

By Peter Wilson-Smith, Our Banking Correspondent
Western governments are working on a rescue package for Brazil involving up to \$11bn (£7.3bn) of new money to see the world's biggest debtor through to the end of next year.

LATIN AMERICA EXTERNAL DEBT (\$bn)
end-1982
Total Short-term
Argentina 38.8 7.3
Brazil 28.8 1.7
Chile 17.2 3.2
Colombia 10.2 3.3
Ecuador 6.6 1.3
Mexico 84.6 25.8

governments might contribute, it is likely that the commercial banks would be asked to contribute most.
The strategic importance of Brazil to the US appears to have led impetus to American efforts to get a rescue off the ground.

City Editor's Comment
The case for a cut in interest rates

A warm autumnal glow permeated the City yesterday in the wake of Tuesday's better-than-expected money growth figures as, for the first time since immediate aftermath of the election, the financial markets contemplated the prospect of a fall in interest rates.

Investment and Finance

City Editor Anthony Hilton

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STOCK EXCHANGES

FT Index 712.4 down 2.1
FT 100 Index 92.4 down 0.22
FT All Shares 453.38 down 0.73
Bargains 18,220
Dow Jones Industrial Average 99.24 up 0.1

CURRENCIES

LONDON CLOSE
Sterling \$1.4915 down 75pts
Index 84.6 down 0.5
DM 4.0100 down 0.0100
Fr 12.0550 down 0.0350
Yen 366.00 down 2.75

INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates:
Bank base rate 9 1/2%
Finance houses base rate 10 1/2%
Discount market loans week fixed 9 1/2%
3 month interbank 9 1/2-9 3/4%

GOLD

London fixed (per ounce)
\$413 pm \$413.25
\$413.25-414 (\$277.25-277.75)

TODAY

Interims: Appleyard Group, Eastwell, Britannia Arrow, Emul, Cookson Group, Wm Collins, Delta Group, Desouter Bros, Friedland Doggart, Gibbs and Dandy, Hepworth Ceramic, Prudential Corp, Sedgwick Group, Tavenor Rutledge, H. Woodward.

ANNUAL MEETINGS

Aiken Hume, Armoury House, City Road, EC1 (noon)
Birmingham Mint, Birmingham Chamber of Commerce (noon)
Braham Miller Group, Strayfield Works, Enfield (3.00)

New guidelines for takeover bids

By Andrew Connolly
The Takeover Panel has announced tough new guidelines to control telephone canvassing for shareholder support during takeover bids.

This follows an investigation of complaints about the tactics used by British Printing & Communication Corporation in its £18m takeover battle for John Waddington, the Monopoly games company. That bid closed yesterday when Mr Robert Maxwell, chairman of BPC, conceded defeat after winning support for his takeover offer from only 42 per cent of Waddington shareholders.

BP sell-off expected next week

The Government's promised sale of another £500m of shares in British Petroleum is expected to take place next week, despite widespread speculation in the stock market yesterday that the sell-off would begin today.

BP's shares fell 8p at one stage yesterday as market was braced themselves for an imminent announcement that the underwriting of the issue - first announced by the Chancellor in July - was about to begin. The shares rallied later to close unchanged at 430p.

Takeover defence by P&O cost £1.4m

P & O's five-week defence against Trafalgar House's unwanted £300m takeover bid, now before the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, cost £1.4m. The sum is split principally between merchant bank fees and newspaper advertising but also includes bills from lawyers and accountants. The figure is probably a record for a bid defence.

Mr Oliver Brooks, P & O's managing director, said: "You don't count costs when you are protecting your stockholders' interests." Mr Brooks said that the rumoured injection into P & O of the property interests of the company's chairman-elect, Mr Jeffrey Sterling, head of Sterling Guarantee, "would not be considered in the foreseeable future."

Optimism

The Bank of England meanwhile is losing no opportunity to capitalize on the new mood of optimism. Following the exhaustion of the Treasury 11 1/4 per cent 2003-07 mini-trap on Tuesday, the authorities waded into the market a further £300m of existing index-linked stocks: £100m each of 2 1/2 per cent Treasury 2001, 2 1/4 per cent Treasury 2003 and 2 1/4 per cent Treasury 2009.

Opportunity

And the chorus of forecasts suggesting that economic recovery is slowing and will peter out next year has prompted speculation that the Government will now seize the first available opportunity to nudge interest rates down in an effort to keep the recovery going.

Hanson shops in buy-out

By Our Financial Staff
The Richards Shops and John Collier chains of high street shops are to be handed over to their managements by Hanson Trust which acquired them when it successfully bid for the UDS retailing group at the beginning of the year.

Dow moves ahead again

New York (AP - Dow Jones) - Shares continued to be firm in active early trading on the New York Stock Exchange. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up by 6 points to 1,244. The index rose by 23 points on Tuesday.

US tax move

President Reagan is likely to accept the recommendation of a US cabinet working party that the federal government support legislation to abolish military taxation in America for foreign companies.

Bell Group debit

Mr Robert Holmes à Court's Bell Group was left nursing a \$55.6m (£3.3m) extraordinary debit last year because of liabilities taken on when it acquired Associated Communications Corporation. Bell's operating profit was also reduced by \$556,000. The debits relate to the period before Bell gained control. Bell's profits were up by 76 per cent to \$17.9m.

Sun Alliance announces £23m rise in profits

A sharp interim profits advance by the Sun Alliance insurance group failed to impress the stock market yesterday. Lord Aldington, the chairman, announced pretax profits of £23m against only £10.1m. He increased the dividend from 19.5p a share to 22p.

Lotus stake for Ashcroft

Mr Michael Ashcroft has emerged alongside Mr David Wickins, of British Car Auctions, and the Toyota, the Japanese car manufacturer, as a leading shareholder in Group Lotus. He has acquired a 14 per cent stake in the recently-saved Norfolk sportscar company through his separately-quoted specialist vehicle manufacturer, Coleman Milne. Mr Wickins has a 26 per cent stake, and together the pair have virtual control of the company.

Fall in invisibles leads to £313m deficit

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UK trade plunges into red

By Frances Williams, Economics Correspondent
A shock plunge into the red on Britain's trade with the rest of the world was revealed yesterday by official figures for the second quarter of the year. The current account of the balance of payments was £313m in deficit, the first quarterly deficit since late 1979, after a revised £779m surplus in the first quarter.

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had been similarly underestimated. The first-quarter current account surplus has indeed been increased from the £482m estimated late last month to £779m to reflect greater invisible earnings - earnings from services such as finance, insurance and shipping. But the second quarter, instead of an estimated £96m surplus, shows a £313m deficit, due entirely to a halving of the balance now projected for invisibles.

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1983 Interim Results
based on unaudited figures
Sales 898.9
Operating profit 39.2
Finance charges 5.5
Profit before taxation 33.7
Taxation 15.3
Profit after taxation 18.4
Minority interests 5.2
Attributable profit 13.2
Earnings per share 6.9
Dividends per share 3.5

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BICC CABLES, ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS CIVIL, ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

Table of company news in brief including Howford and Burton Holdings, Bridon, Royal Worcester, etc.

All-round improvement lifts BICC

BICC Half-year 30.6.83 Pretax profit £33.7m (£30.5m) Stated earnings 6.9p (10.5p) Turnover £295.5m (£301.7m) Net interim dividend 3.5p (same) Share price 228p, up 10p. Yield 6.6% Dividend payable 3.1.84

Pretax profits from the international division tumbled in the same way and are down from £31.3m to £20.3m. Although there may be some improvement in the second half from Australia and Canada, no dramatic increase is likely at the year-end.

A fall of one-third in interim pretax profits to £33.7m at BICC, the cables to construction group, was slightly better than the market expected and the shares rose by 10p to 228p. They were helped by a reassuring statement from the board, pointing to a better second half.

Since the dismal first quarter figures, when the group hit rock bottom, business has steadily improved on all fronts. In particular, Balfour Beatty, the construction division, has been helped by an influx of £420m of new orders in the first half to take its total order-book to £700m.

British orders were up by 8 per cent on the same stage last year, with a 17 per cent increase recorded in the second quarter. Overseas order intake lags behind, although one or two new orders could correct the balance.

However, the £9.4m pretax contribution from Balfour Beatty, against £5.6m last time, is not enough to counteract problems in the international division, which accounts for 60 per cent of total group profits.

With the gross domestic product falling in BICC's three main overseas markets - Australia, Canada and South Africa - the company claims to be managing well against a trend which has seen international sales fall to £280m, against £308m in the first half of 1982.

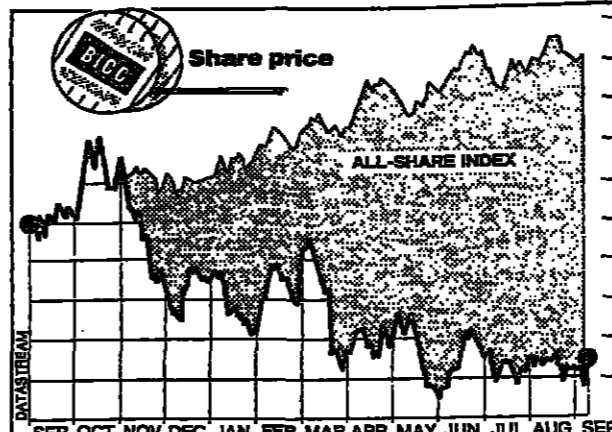
The company's balance sheet is strong, with a 40 per cent ratio of debt to equity maintained from the year-end. The shares are way off last year's high of 360p, but at 228p are attractive for long-term recovery.

This year, however, pretax profits are unlikely to exceed £70m, compared with £99m last year.

FMC

FMC Year to 30.4.83 Pretax profit £800,000 (£1,657,000 loss) Stated earnings 4.22p (20.03p loss) Turnover £416,997,000 (£460,544,000) Share price 48p, up 4p

Britain's farmers may rue the day they cold shouldered FMC, Britain's largest meat wholesaler and processor. Last month the farmers spurred a £10m share subscription offer to keep the then ailing company under their control. Since then there has been talk of a management buy-out and an Arab bid.



But FMC is doing nicely and is not in urgent need of outside help. Yesterday the company reported a dramatic turn round to profits of £800,000 against losses of £1,657,000. After all the problems of recent years there is, not surprisingly, no dividend. Last time anything was paid was in 1981.

Even on the base line after allowing for another set of extraordinary debts, FMC is in the black with earnings per share emerging at 4.22pce against a 20.03pce loss.

The company says that all divisions contributed to the upswing. It is doing better than it was at this time last year. FMC, however, remains highly geared although bank borrowings at £10.4m represent only some 50 per cent of credit facilities.

At 48p, up 4p, FMC shares continue to signal uncertainties about the group's future. It is still 75 per cent owned by the National Farmers' Union and presumably this shareholding, NFU's own difficulties, is on the market.

The NFU borrowed to build up its 75 per cent shareholding but ran into money problems when, with losses mounting, the meat company failed to pay a dividend.

When the NFU attempted to get off the hook by floating a new company which would buy out its £10m required was subscribed by Britain's farming community.

The failed NFU plan was for the new company to have paid 49pce for each FMC share.

Cement Roadstone

The dramatic slump in the Irish economy is illustrated by half year figures from the Dublin-based company Cement Roadstone. Pretax profits in the half year fell from £10.2m to £4.5m (£8.16m to £3.6m).

Worse is expected during the remainder of the year when extra depreciation and interest costs that result from commissioning its modernized cement works in Limerick will ensure that the company does little more than break even.

Nevertheless, Roadstone directors are less pessimistic about prospects than they were at the annual meeting in May when there were doubts about whether it was possible to achieve even the minimum budgeted profit level of £5m for the whole of this year.

That is now within Roadstone's grasp despite the fact that Irish Cement deliveries are likely to be 15 per cent down on last year's level by the end of the year.

The commissioning of the Limerick works, which will help to push group borrowings up from 47 per cent to about 60 per cent of shareholders' funds by the end of the year, will give Roadstone a total of 2.1 million tons of capacity in Ireland. At present it only needs 1.3 million tons.

The result of the overcapacity is that the group will for the foreseeable future lose money in Ireland, while overseas operations will keep the company in the black.

But this will not ease the advance corporation tax problem the company now has when paying dividends, as a result of the Irish Government's decision to start levying corporation tax. Therefore, Roadstone has more than halved the interim dividend payment to 1p.

Premier Periclase, the company's subsidiary, has made higher losses and may close.

COMMODITIES

Table of commodity prices including LONDON COMMODITY PRICES, RUBBER, GAS OIL, SUGAR, COCOA, TIN STANDARD, COPPER HIGH GRADE, STANDARD CATHODES, LONDON INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL, and LONDON GOLD FUTURES MARKET.

Rothmans International p.l.c. In his Statement to Shareholders Sir David Nicolson, Chairman of Rothmans International p.l.c., made the following points: Operating profit up 25% to a record £165.3 million in year to March 31, 1983. Total dividend per share of 5.30 pence. Group's performance in opening months of this financial year satisfactory. Non-tobacco interests make further progress.

Large table of Authorized Units & Insurance Funds with columns for Fund Name, Bid Offer Yield, and other financial details.

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RACING: SUN PRINCESS AND CAERLEON SET TO DO BATTLE IN ST. LEGER

Karadar should be too strong for Cup rivals

Michael Phillips, Racing Correspondent
because Shoot Clear won decisively at Goodwood just as he had done at Newmarket and Warwick before that.

Punters are rocked by Seismic Wave

Excitement at the prospect of Saturday's St Leger continues to build. Sun Princess has not been declared for next Sunday's Prix Vermeille, so Dick Herr's 12-length Oaks winner must be regarded as a certain runner.

Sicyos speeds home for Head

Sicyos equalled the two-year-old course record of 56.10 seconds for Longchamps five furlongs when winning yesterday's group three Prix d'Armenberg by four lengths from Reine Carolin.

Cram and Overt to provide finale with mile at Palace

Steve Cram and Steve Overt are to provide the best possible finale to the world championship season by racing each other over the mile at Crystal Palace tomorrow evening.

Doncaster

- Draw advantage: High numbers best
Double: 3.15, 4.15, 7.15, 8.45, 3.45, 4.45
[Television: (TV) 2.15, 2.45 and 3.15 races]

Doncaster results

- Going Good to firm
2.15 Queen's Own Yorkshire Dragoon
3.45 PORTLAND HANDICAP (28,775: 5f 140yd) (15)
4.15 MAY HILL STAKES (Group 1): 2-y-o fillies: £16,158: 1m (9)

Salisbury results

- Going good
1.0 QUADRIPARTITE STAKES (Div 1: 2-y-o)
2.00 MARLBOROUGH STAKES (Div 1: Part 1: 2-y-o maidens: £1,568: 7f) (12 runners)

Minsmore should make amends across country

The West Germans, the defending team champions, are in the lead at the end of yesterday's dressage phase of the young riders European championships at the Burglary Horse.

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POLO

Ingwenya too strong
The Australian Polo Academy championship league matches ended at Windsor Great Park yesterday, when Ingwenya beat Knightsbridge 7-3.

YACHTING

No catching Cairns
Another first place for Chris Cairns and Scott Anderson from Australia, their second in the first race so far, left them unshakable in the Tornado world championships sponsored by Lombard at Hayling Island yesterday.

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RUGBY LEAGUE

ACAS back the League
The Advisory and Conciliation Service (ACAS) has backed the Rugby League in their decision to suspend a player purely on television "video" evidence.

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- Draw advantage: High numbers best
1.0 MARLBOROUGH STAKES (Div 1: Part 1: 2-y-o maidens: £1,568: 7f) (12 runners)

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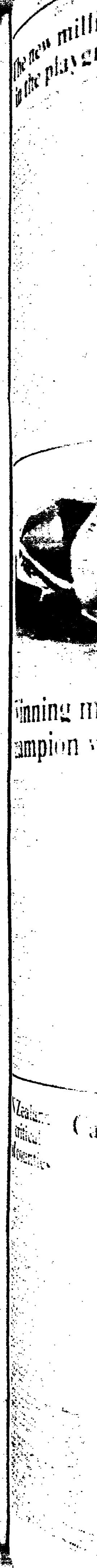
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GOLF

The new millionaire in the playground

Ten years ago Severiano Ballesteros would have been a little boy lost in this millionaire's playground. Now he is as recognizable as any of the jet-setters who frequent such fashionable Alpine resorts...

That is why Nick Faldo is here, 4,000 ft up in the rarified air of the Alps. Instead of being the best man at his brother-in-law's wedding, he knows full well that Ballesteros is now thinking in terms of overtaking him at the head of the 1983 European money list...

Change for France

Paris (Reuters) - France, who were runners-up to the United States in the Davis Cup tennis tournament last year, will field their strongest team for the semi-final round of the event...

PAN AMERICAN GAMES

Doctor claims up to 50 drug offenders

Cologne, West Germany (Reuters) - As many as 50 athletes competing in the Pan American Games in Caracas last month may have been taking drugs to enhance performance, the West German biochemist in charge of dope testing said yesterday...

ATHLETICS

Hingsen has to pull out

Bonn (Reuters) - The World decathlon record holder, Jurgen Hingsen of West Germany, yesterday followed the 1991 Asian Games in Peking, a Chinese Olympic committee spokesman said yesterday...

Commercial property Jonathan Clare

Shopping centres are losing their appeal

The people who own, manage and sell through shopping centres have finally realized what the rest of us have known for a long while - that shoppers are discriminating and often quite cynical.

Shopping centres have proliferated so rapidly over the past 30 years that there are now more than 300 in Britain, many of which compete with each other. Problems have arisen as a result of their rate of spread...

Second, shoppers who use their cars have a choice of centres and can easily compare the quantity and prices of goods on offer, and hypermarkets have sprung up to offer further competition.

These observations are made by Peter Wallis of the Specialist Research Unit, in a leaflet produced by Fitch & Co, shop interior designers with a vested interest in ensuring that the right shoppers pass their clients' doors.

The Chinese people, sports workers and athletes have long held the Asian Games in Peking, a Chinese Olympic committee spokesman said yesterday. They have competed in the Asian Games since 1974, and earlier this year, they announced plans to build a large sports complex in the capital for major international events.

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Shopping centres are no longer new and shoppers have had time to come to terms with a 1960s-style precinct proudly unveiled in the mid-1970s.

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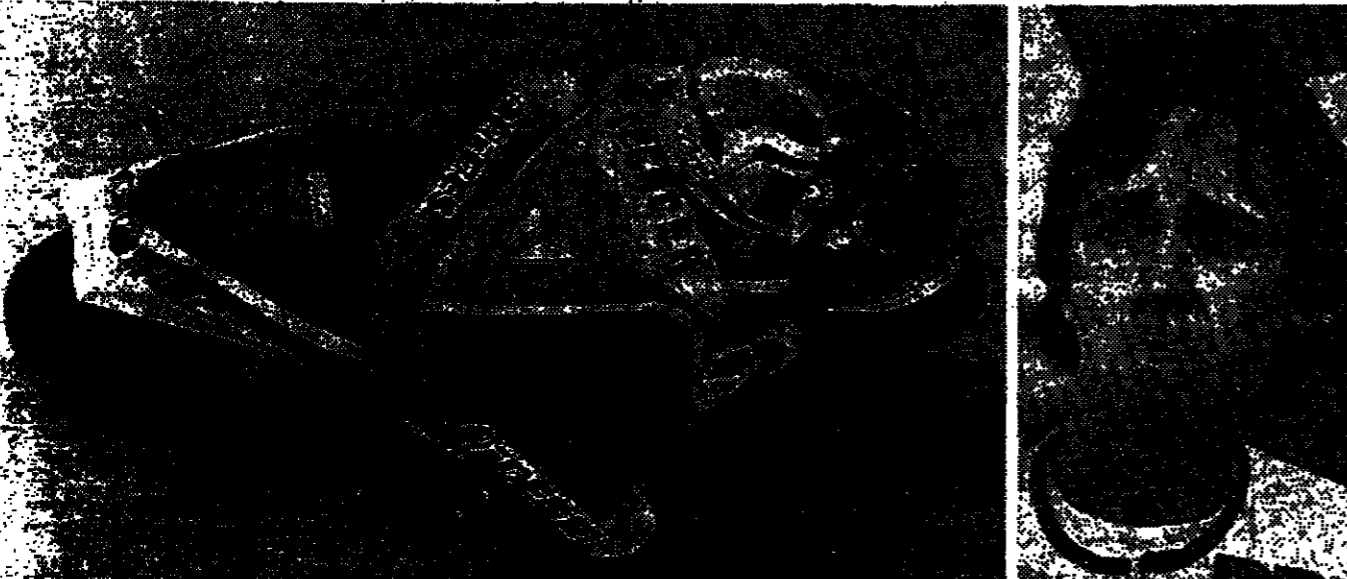
even be a fall. They add that the next few years will see the company's profits performance picking up, with some large reviews and reversions due. But Scrimgeour still thinks investors can find better bets in the property sector.

Congratulations to the property teams at stockbrokers Rowe & Pitman, Scrimgeour, Kemp-Gee and W Greenwell. They took the three top places in a field of 13 in the property sector of the annual analysts' league table drawn up by Continental Illinois, the United States bank.

Land Investors, which reported its preliminary results for the year on Tuesday, could publish its first asset revaluation for seven years in its annual report, according to Scrimgeour, Kemp-Gee's weekly review of the property market.

Estates Property, which reports its final figures today should show an increase in profits of about 5 per cent on last year's £2.4m "in what has been a mediocre year for them in terms of reviews and reversions".

Mercantile House Holdings has let 3,000 sq ft of office space in Cannongate House in Cannon Street, London, to an international bank at a rent said to be more than £25 per sq ft.



The machine and the man: The Yamaha and Freddy Spencer.

Winning means everything to the champion with the feel for victory

The new motorcycling world champion is a hard man with a deep-seated and abiding love of his machine. He is an American Southerner who talks with a mushy, meandering drawl, and when he curses in the presence of a lady what he says is "bullcorn".

On the 4th of July, American Independence Day, in 1982, Spencer became the first to win a 500cc grand prix race in his home country. He had also given Honda its first grand prix victory in 15 years.

He had his first road race. He finished last, but in six months he was good enough to win the national 125cc club championship. He picked up a number of minor titles after that and won some of the important races in America, but he failed to take major titles.

Grand prix motor cycling is so ferociously professional, so competitive, that when Spencer - and Honda - have accomplished a truly awesome, for 1982 was his first full season, indeed, this is Honda's first ever "drivers" championship.

Spencer got an early and excellent start in racing. The 5th 100ms 11 stone, Louisiana began racing at the age of seven on the dirt. His first race, which is just over the state line of Shreveport, his home town. His father was a club racer, as was his elder brother.

Indeed, the grand prix pays no bonuses for amateurism. Finishing first is all that matters. But in motor cycling, you can never quite separate the man from the machine. On a slow motor cycle Spencer would not be wearing a victory wreath.

Adrienne Blue

N Zealand critical of counties

AUCKLAND (Reuters) - New Zealand county sides showed disrespect to New Zealand on their recent cricket tour of England by fielding substandard teams, according to Sir Alan Wright, the New Zealand manager.

Cambridge set for victory jig

A winner's prize of £1,500 is the financial incentive for the four remaining counties in the English cricket season. On paper, Wiltshire's seam attack is the more penetrative. Cheshire will rely on the economy of their bowlers.

"At a time when we badly needed a good, solid workout before the first Test, they put out a weak second-rate side against us", he said. Sir Alan said he was disappointed New Zealand failed to qualify for the World Cup finals and that two bad sessions - one in the field and one with the bat - let them down in two Tests.

Leading first-class averages

Table with columns for batting and bowling statistics, including names like Gavriel, Gooch, and bowling figures like 11.0, 11.0, 11.0.

ISLAMABAD (Reuters) - Sarfraz Nawaz, the fast bowler who quipped yesterday as saying he rejected a suggestion to adopt negative tactics prior to his omission from the Pakistani cricket party to tour India this month.

WILTSHIRE and Cheshire were an equal match in the first round of the county championship game in the first innings on Sunday, the remaining players Wiltshire and Cheshire, at Dorchester tomorrow and Bedfordshire with Cambridgeshire at Bedford on Saturday.

Part of the former Deanery of St Paul's Cathedral has been sub-let to Investment Mortgage International, a San Francisco firm which describes itself as real estate merchant bankers. Originally built in 1672, The Old Deanery, Dean's Court, was until recently used as offices by Haslemere Estates. Investment Mortgage has sub-let 1,240 sq ft from FennoScandia a bank, which holds the head lease. The rent is said to be over £22 per sq ft. FennoScandia and Investment Mortgage were represented by Noel Alexander and Savills respectively.



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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS AND IN MEMORIAM (Continued from page 21)
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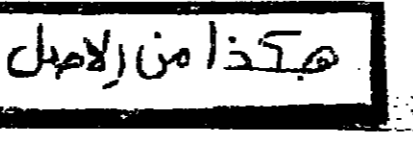
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Edited by Peter Davalle



BBC 1

- 6.00 Coast AM: News, weather, sport and traffic... 6.30 Breakfast Time: With Nick Ross and Frank Bough... 9.30 Trades Union Congress 1983: Live coverage...

TV-am

- 6.25 Good Morning Britain with Nick Owen, Anne Diamond... 9.25 Thames news headlines... 12.00 Heggarty treasure hunt tale...

TV/LONDON

- 9.25 Thames news headlines... 12.00 Heggarty treasure hunt tale... 1.00 News: 1.20 Thames area news...

CHOICE

Irving Johnson is a name the cinegoer will not forget to mention. All credit then to TRAVELLERS in Time (BBC2, 8.30pm) for giving this amateur movie-maker his due...

Radio 4

- 6.00 News Briefing... 6.30 Farming Today... 7.30 News Summary... 8.43 'The People of the Sea' by David Thompson...

Radio 3

- 6.00 News... 6.05 Weather... 6.55 Morning Concert: part one... 7.00 Haydn Piano Sonatas...

TONIGHT'S PROM

- 7.30 Barock: Deventer. Mozart: Piano Concerto No 12... 8.40 Mozart: Serenata notturna... 9.00 News... 9.05 This Week's Composer: Franz Schmidt...

Radio 2

- News on the hour every hour (except 8.00pm and 9.00pm Bulletins)... 7.00am, 8.00, 1.00pm, 5.00 and 12.00midnight (MFM)...

Radio 1

- News on the half-hour from 6.30am until 8.30pm and then at 10.00 and 12.00 (MFM)...

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REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

Wales: 1.27-1.30pm News. 4.18-4.20 News. 6.05-6.30 Wales Today... 11.00-11.20 A Home Away From Home... 11.25-12.00 Tom Jones in musical variety with guest Tim Turner...

WYRKSHIRE

As London except: 10.25am Nature of the Woods... 10.50 Animal Architecture... 11.05 Sport: 11.30-11.55 Professor Kitzel... 12.30pm-1.15 Paint Along With Nancy... 1.20 News... 1.30-2.00 Calendar... 2.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters... 4.15-4.45 Bookbusters... 6.00 Calendar... 6.35 Crossroads... 7.00-7.30 Bouncer... 11.00 Simply Can't See... 11.40 Star Class... 12.10am Closedown.

GRANADA

As London except: 10.30am Once Upon a Time... 11.05 Dk Tracy... 11.00-11.30 Comedy... 11.35 Franchise... 12.00 Wattoo Wattoo... 12.30pm-1.00 Who's Baby? 1.20-1.55 Fiddlers... 1.30-2.00 Exchange Files... 3.30-4.00 South Coast... 5.15-5.45 Bookbusters... 6.00-6.30 Crossroads... 6.35-6.55 News... 7.00-7.30 Bouncer... 10.40-11.40 Great Britain of the 70s... 12.45am Closedown.

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HTV WALES

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